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In order to reflect changes in the structure of the economy, the base year of all short-term business statistics (STS) will be updated from 2010 to 2015, starting with the publication of data for the reference month January 2018. The four STS indicators regularly covered by Eurostat News Releases are: industrial producer prices, retail trade turnover, industrial production and production in construction. Data for January 2018 for these indicators will be published progressively during March 2018.

December 2017 compared with November 2017

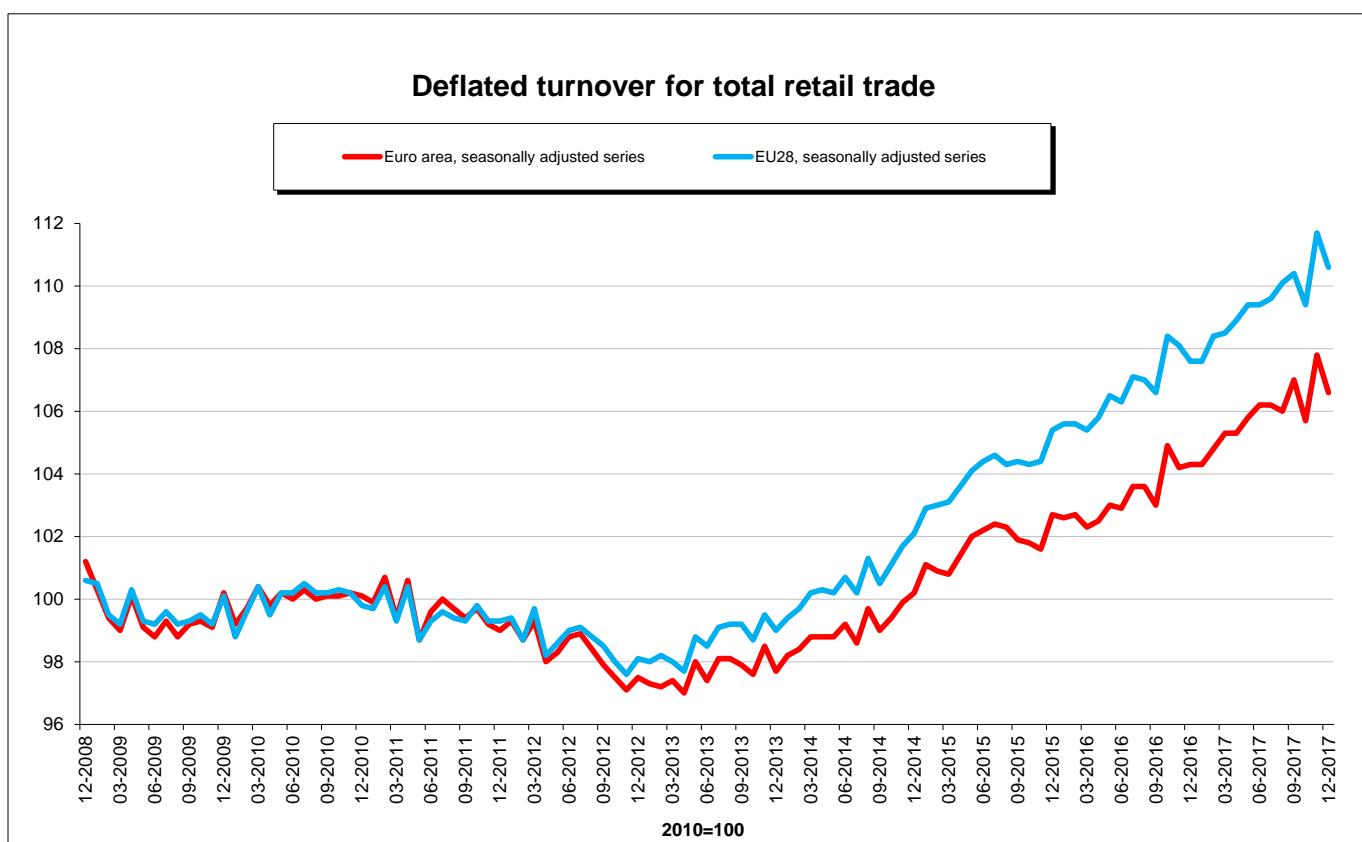
Volume of retail trade down by 1.1% in euro area

Down by 1.0% in EU28

In December 2017 compared with November 2017, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 1.1% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 1.0% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November, the retail trade volume rose by 2.0% in the **euro area** and by 2.1% in the **EU28**.

In December 2017 compared with December 2016, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.9% in the **euro area** and by 2.4% in the **EU28**.

The average retail trade for the year 2017, compared with 2016, rose by 2.6% in both the **euro area** and **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.1% decrease in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2017, compared with November 2017, is due to falls of 1.5% for automotive fuel, of 1.2% for non-food products and of 0.7% for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the 1.0% decrease in the volume of retail trade is due to falls of 1.1% for non-food products and of 0.7% for both "Food, drinks and tobacco" and automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Luxembourg** (-6.2%), **Ireland** (-2.7%) and **Slovenia** (-2.3%), while the highest increases were observed in **Malta** (+3.1%), **Estonia** (+1.8%) and **Romania** (+1.3%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.9% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2017, compared with December 2016, is due to rises of 2.7% for non-food products and of 1.3% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while automotive fuel fell by 0.8%. In the **EU28**, the 2.4% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.7% for non-food products, of 1.2% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 0.4% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Malta** (+12.4%), **Romania** (+10.1%) and **Poland** (+9.2%), while decreases were observed in **Luxembourg** (-20.7%) and **Belgium** (-2.5%).

Geographical information

The **euro area** (EA19) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The **European Union** (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Methods and definitions

The **index of the volume of retail trade** measures the evolution of the turnover in retail trade, adjusted for price changes (deflated), i.e. the evolution of the total amount of goods sold, based on data adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects.

Seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted national data. Eurostat carries out the seasonal adjustment of the data for those countries that do not adjust their data for seasonal effects.

Missing observations from Member States for recent months are estimated for the calculation of the euro area and the EU aggregates.

Revisions and timetable

Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release [3/2018](#) of 8 January 2018. The monthly percentage change for November 2017 has been revised from +1.5% to +2.0% in the euro area and from +1.5% to +2.1% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +2.8% to +3.9% in the euro area and from +2.7% to +3.7% in the EU28.

For more information

Eurostat database section on short-term business statistics

Eurostat Statistics Explained article on the index of retail trade

The [weights of the Member States](#) in the EU and euro area aggregates

(See file EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2010)

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Volume of retail trade
 % change compared with the previous month*

	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.0	-0.2	0.9	-1.2	2.0	-1.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.5	0.0	1.2	-1.5	1.3	-0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.3	0.0	0.7	-1.3	2.8	-1.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.1	0.3	3.2	-5.8	5.8	-3.3
Electrical goods and furniture	0.0	-0.3	0.5	-0.6	1.8	-1.5
Computer equipment, books and other	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-1.1	2.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.5	0.9	0.6	-0.7	0.7	0.8
Mail orders and internet	5.1	-1.1	1.8	-3.9	7.4	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.5	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-1.5
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.9	2.1	-1.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.2	0.3	0.5	-1.1	1.3	-0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.4	0.9	0.3	-1.4	3.0	-1.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.1	0.1	3.0	-5.0	5.1	-2.7
Electrical goods and furniture	0.4	-0.8	0.8	0.0	1.9	-2.1
Computer equipment, books and other	0.9	1.1	-2.2	-2.3	4.3	-0.7
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.5	1.0	0.7	-0.4	0.7	0.8
Mail orders and internet	1.6	5.3	1.2	-2.2	4.8	-3.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	0.3	-0.7

The source dataset is available [here](#).

Total retail trade	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17
EA19	0.0	-0.2	0.9	-1.2	2.0	-1.1
EU28	0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.9	2.1	-1.0
Belgium	-1.0	-1.2	0.4	-0.4	1.4	-0.3
Bulgaria	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5
Czech Republic	-0.7	0.5	1.8	-1.5	3.0	c
Denmark	0.5	-0.7	1.2	-1.4	1.7	-0.4
Germany	-0.5	-0.3	1.2	-1.3	1.9	-1.9
Estonia	-1.2	-0.4	0.9	0.0	-0.2	1.8
Ireland	0.1	0.6	1.2	-0.2	4.3	-2.7
Greece	1.7	-3.0	0.0	0.1	-1.1	c
Spain	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	-1.0	1.2	-0.6
France	0.6	0.2	1.8	-2.2	3.3	-0.8
Croatia	-0.2	0.2	-0.9	-0.4	1.2	-0.4
Italy	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.7	c
Cyprus	-0.6	0.2	1.5	1.1	0.5	c
Latvia	1.0	0.5	-0.6	0.3	1.0	0.2
Lithuania	0.5	0.7	-0.6	0.7	1.3	0.8
Luxembourg	-0.4	-1.7	1.1	-1.3	0.4	-6.2
Hungary	-0.4	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.1
Malta	-0.5	2.7	1.9	-1.2	1.1	3.1
Netherlands	0.6	-1.1	0.9	-0.2	1.7	c
Austria	-0.4	-1.1	1.3	-1.7	2.0	-1.8
Poland	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.6	1.6	0.2
Portugal	-0.3	-1.3	1.3	-2.5	4.1	0.3
Romania	3.1	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.3
Slovenia	1.2	-0.9	0.6	-1.0	2.9	-2.3
Slovakia	-0.7	1.1	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6
Finland	0.6	-0.1	0.6	0.1	1.2	-1.7
Sweden	0.7	-0.3	0.7	0.7	1.6	-1.5
United Kingdom	0.7	3.4	-2.8	-0.8	3.2	-1.3
Norway	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.3	2.3	-1.0
Switzerland	-1.0	-0.7	1.2	-1.1	1.5	-0.7

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

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The source dataset is available [here](#).

Volume of retail trade
 % change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.3	2.4	4.3	0.5	3.9	1.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.5	1.2	2.6	0.0	2.2	1.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.6	3.6	6.2	0.6	5.6	2.7
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	1.9	2.7	12.3	-6.3	5.9	1.3
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	3.9	3.6	5.4	1.9	5.4	2.2
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	4.9	3.9	4.0	0.3	4.3	:
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	1.3	2.9	3.5	2.0	2.5	2.8
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	12.9	11.1	14.1	4.6	13.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.6	-0.8
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.2	2.9	3.9	0.7	3.7	2.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	1.3	1.8	-0.1	1.8	1.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.4	4.5	6.0	0.9	5.3	3.7
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	1.9	2.7	11.7	-4.8	5.6	2.9
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	4.1	3.2	5.3	2.7	5.0	2.7
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	3.7	5.5	2.4	-2.1	3.5	2.6
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	2.4	3.5	4.5	3.3	4.1	4.3
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	9.0	15.7	16.4	9.2	13.7	10.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.9	1.3	0.4

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Total retail trade	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17
EA19	2.3	2.4	4.3	0.5	3.9	1.9
EU28	2.2	2.9	3.9	0.7	3.7	2.4
Belgium	-1.7	-1.3	1.8	-2.6	0.7	-2.5
Bulgaria	2.4	3.0	2.4	3.8	3.9	4.9
Czech Republic	5.0	5.2	7.5	4.0	7.8	c
Denmark	1.8	0.3	2.5	-1.3	2.1	2.3
Germany	2.9	2.6	5.3	1.2	3.9	0.6
Estonia	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.9	-1.2	2.3
Ireland	7.6	6.5	7.8	6.4	9.3	7.6
Greece	2.5	0.8	-0.8	-1.0	-2.9	c
Spain	0.7	1.8	2.5	-1.0	3.0	0.5
France	3.9	3.6	6.4	1.1	6.2	4.3
Croatia	6.0	6.1	3.7	2.1	5.2	3.2
Italy	0.5	1.1	2.0	-1.5	2.0	c
Cyprus	6.9	7.2	7.8	6.9	7.0	c
Latvia	4.6	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.8	6.3
Lithuania	3.3	3.0	2.4	1.9	4.8	5.6
Luxembourg	-25.8	-28.9	-24.1	1.4	2.2	-20.7
Hungary	4.2	4.7	6.1	6.3	6.7	5.8
Malta	2.9	5.4	9.5	6.2	5.5	12.4
Netherlands	3.6	2.8	4.4	0.8	4.1	c
Austria	2.2	0.1	1.7	-1.9	2.2	0.8
Poland	6.8	6.5	6.1	7.1	7.6	9.2
Portugal	4.0	3.0	4.3	1.6	5.1	5.0
Romania	9.6	15.5	14.3	12.6	11.1	10.1
Slovenia	9.5	7.5	8.6	2.5	5.9	1.7
Slovakia	4.9	6.5	5.1	5.7	6.1	5.7
Finland	3.1	2.5	2.8	2.5	3.4	5.8
Sweden	2.4	1.2	2.3	2.5	3.3	2.8
United Kingdom	-0.5	3.4	0.5	-2.1	0.8	1.8
Norway	3.4	2.4	1.3	0.4	3.7	4.2
Switzerland	-0.2	-1.1	0.7	-2.3	0.3	0.6

* Calendar adjusted

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted
 (base year 2010)

	12/16	01/17	02/17	03/17	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17
EA19	104.3	104.3	104.8	105.3	105.3	105.8	106.2	106.2	106.0	107.0	105.7	107.8	106.6
EU28	107.6	107.6	108.4	108.5	108.9	109.4	109.4	109.6	110.1	110.4	109.4	111.7	110.6
Belgium	105.7	104.1	102.6	103.0	103.6	105.1	105.0	104.0	102.8	103.2	102.8	104.2	103.9
Bulgaria	142.8	143.4	144.6	144.1	145.4	145.7	144.7	145.4	145.7	146.3	147.2	148.1	148.9
Czech Republic	116.2	117.8	118.9	120.5	119.9	121.4	122.1	121.2	121.8	124.0	122.1	125.8	c
Denmark	97.5	98.5	98.1	98.2	99.2	98.4	98.9	99.4	98.7	99.9	98.5	100.2	99.8
Germany	110.9	109.7	110.7	111.5	111.6	111.9	112.9	112.3	112.0	113.3	111.8	113.9	111.7
Estonia	131.8	131.7	130.8	132.9	132.2	132.5	133.4	131.8	131.3	132.5	132.5	132.3	134.7
Ireland	119.2	121.0	121.9	122.0	122.6	124.7	124.4	124.5	125.2	126.7	126.5	131.9	128.4
Greece	70.9	70.9	73.5	70.8	71.8	70.5	72.2	73.4	71.2	71.2	71.3	70.5	c
Spain	89.2	88.2	88.6	89.3	90.0	90.3	90.7	90.4	90.3	90.6	89.7	90.8	90.3
France	119.3	119.8	121.0	121.4	120.8	121.9	121.6	122.3	122.6	124.8	122.0	126.0	125.0
Croatia	103.1	103.2	104.8	105.4	102.8	103.4	106.9	106.7	106.9	105.9	105.5	106.8	106.4
Italy	95.1	96.0	95.5	95.6	95.7	95.6	96.0	96.0	96.1	96.2	95.7	96.4	c
Cyprus	94.9	94.3	95.9	96.9	98.2	98.3	99.4	98.8	99.0	100.5	101.6	102.1	c
Latvia	126.8	130.4	128.3	129.1	131.1	132.4	131.6	132.9	133.6	132.8	133.2	134.5	134.8
Lithuania	140.3	141.8	140.9	142.3	142.1	144.3	142.4	143.1	144.1	143.2	144.2	146.1	147.2
Luxembourg	48.3	47.4	46.8	47.0	46.9	46.8	46.4	46.2	45.4	45.9	45.3	45.5	42.7
Hungary	118.2	118.6	118.2	120.3	119.5	121.5	122.2	121.7	122.6	123.7	124.1	125.1	125.2
Malta	106.8	108.9	107.9	110.7	111.1	111.5	111.5	110.9	113.9	116.1	114.7	116.0	119.6
Netherlands	96.5	97.7	96.9	98.0	98.0	98.7	99.0	99.6	98.5	99.4	99.2	100.9	c
Austria	100.2	101.3	101.1	102.7	101.6	102.1	103.1	102.7	101.6	102.9	101.1	103.1	101.2
Poland	118.1	122.9	122.2	123.1	123.2	124.0	124.9	125.0	125.0	125.9	126.6	128.6	128.8
Portugal	91.7	91.4	92.0	94.0	93.7	93.9	95.5	95.2	94.0	95.2	92.8	96.6	96.9
Romania	140.1	140.7	143.7	144.8	145.4	146.9	146.4	151.0	154.1	154.7	155.5	156.8	158.8
Slovenia	106.5	107.9	109.4	108.5	106.4	107.4	108.0	109.3	108.3	109.0	107.9	111.0	108.5
Slovakia	107.0	107.4	107.5	108.7	109.3	110.3	110.9	110.1	111.3	111.4	112.1	113.0	113.7
Finland	100.6	105.3	105.2	104.9	105.6	105.2	105.8	106.4	106.3	106.9	107.0	108.3	106.5
Sweden	118.2	119.3	119.4	118.7	119.0	120.0	119.7	120.5	120.1	120.9	121.7	123.7	121.9
United Kingdom	116.6	114.9	117.5	115.2	117.5	118.0	115.8	116.6	120.6	117.2	116.3	120.0	118.5
Norway	106.8	108.5	109.7	110.0	110.2	111.9	111.3	111.8	111.2	110.3	110.0	112.5	111.4
Switzerland	103.3	104.4	105.0	106.5	103.5	103.9	104.8	103.8	103.1	104.3	103.2	104.7	104.0

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar adjusted
 (base year 2010)

	12/14	12/15	12/16	01/17	02/17	03/17	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17
EA19	122.4	124.8	126.8	100.3	92.4	103.1	102.9	104.3	104.8	105.3	107.5	105.1	107.2	108.5	129.2
EU28	124.7	128.0	131.1	101.6	95.8	105.6	106.6	108.1	108.2	109.3	111.0	108.4	110.9	114.5	134.3
Belgium	122.3	123.6	126.5	103.9	89.6	104.0	102.6	106.1	107.1	105.6	96.3	102.3	104.2	101.6	123.3
Bulgaria	138.7	154.4	158.1	123.9	122.5	140.9	140.1	145.1	147.7	156.2	158.7	150.4	151.5	147.1	165.9
Czech Republic	129.3	137.7	141.7	106.1	104.0	120.1	118.0	123.1	123.1	116.5	118.6	123.0	122.9	133.8	c
Denmark	120.0	122.0	121.2	91.1	83.7	94.5	99.8	101.5	99.4	98.8	99.8	94.0	97.2	104.9	124.0
Germany	120.4	127.5	130.4	101.7	99.0	113.8	111.4	111.3	110.5	112.7	108.4	110.3	114.6	118.5	131.2
Estonia	138.0	147.0	149.5	121.6	110.9	127.9	128.7	138.0	139.6	140.8	136.7	129.6	134.0	128.5	153.0
Ireland	156.0	167.5	173.5	109.0	113.0	109.3	114.9	118.3	121.2	120.1	120.4	121.3	122.5	146.7	186.6
Greece	82.1	82.3	81.5	67.4	70.9	66.6	71.4	67.1	72.0	76.7	75.1	70.6	70.7	68.0	c
Spain	100.2	102.5	105.4	89.7	77.8	86.1	86.4	88.3	91.4	98.9	89.4	89.5	87.7	88.6	105.9
France	141.3	148.2	151.8	116.6	106.7	116.9	117.0	117.7	119.5	106.0	137.6	122.8	123.5	125.5	158.4
Croatia	102.7	109.6	110.3	83.0	82.7	97.7	99.6	103.2	113.8	130.2	129.8	110.7	105.0	96.8	113.8
Italy	117.3	118.3	117.6	95.8	82.2	91.4	92.3	95.2	92.5	101.4	92.6	95.5	98.9	95.9	c
Cyprus	105.7	115.3	119.4	86.1	80.6	88.6	95.0	96.4	101.3	108.6	102.3	101.4	101.9	98.8	c
Latvia	138.5	140.2	143.5	118.1	110.2	122.7	125.8	133.3	133.4	142.0	145.3	134.8	136.6	130.0	152.6
Lithuania	144.7	152.5	161.2	128.1	121.2	136.2	136.2	147.3	143.9	150.2	154.2	142.8	147.8	143.0	170.2
Luxembourg	295.0	73.9	54.0	44.0	41.1	46.6	47.3	48.0	47.5	48.9	42.4	47.2	49.1	45.9	42.8
Hungary	134.2	140.5	145.7	98.3	96.8	115.0	116.9	119.9	123.7	127.8	127.9	126.4	129.1	129.0	154.2
Malta	115.4	123.9	122.4	99.9	96.1	104.7	109.6	112.4	113.2	117.8	114.8	113.3	118.1	116.0	137.6
Netherlands	109.9	111.9	112.3	94.0	84.2	95.7	96.3	101.5	101.7	102.0	95.6	96.5	101.1	101.9	c
Austria	120.0	121.8	120.1	95.1	90.8	103.6	101.3	100.2	101.2	104.2	99.4	100.4	103.4	103.6	121.1
Poland	124.5	133.4	137.3	109.5	106.2	124.6	123.0	124.1	125.2	127.6	128.4	127.5	131.6	123.4	149.9
Portugal	110.0	108.3	111.9	84.0	79.7	88.7	88.1	90.8	92.8	102.4	102.8	94.7	92.6	94.8	117.5
Romania	127.9	146.4	157.9	118.3	120.8	139.0	145.0	149.0	146.2	157.6	169.3	161.3	160.4	164.5	173.9
Slovenia	105.8	106.5	118.4	102.0	96.2	107.7	105.3	104.3	108.8	112.5	110.1	110.8	113.3	109.3	120.4
Slovakia	116.6	119.8	124.9	96.8	95.7	108.6	107.9	112.1	114.7	108.4	110.4	110.0	113.4	115.6	132.0
Finland	123.1	125.3	122.7	95.4	88.4	100.1	101.9	108.5	110.5	113.4	109.4	103.2	106.3	106.4	129.8
Sweden	130.0	137.4	139.2	107.5	101.1	114.4	116.6	124.1	127.3	125.6	121.8	116.1	122.9	124.7	143.1
United Kingdom	134.9	138.0	146.8	104.5	107.6	107.7	115.1	115.0	112.5	115.7	115.7	112.6	116.5	134.6	149.5
Norway	136.5	134.8	131.8	99.5	92.7	103.0	101.9	117.3	119.0	113.2	114.7	105.9	109.1	116.1	137.3
Switzerland	140.9	138.1	132.6	99.8	88.8	109.4	99.4	101.3	107.2	104.8	97.6	97.7	103.9	107.1	133.4

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